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MATSUNAGA  
STATE FOR EAP/EX/RPM FOR MEAD; SA/PD

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SUBJECT: SYMPOSIUM OF EAST ASIA SECURITY (SEAS), APRIL 3-26, 2006  
? SRI LANKAN NOMINATION

REF: SEAS-2006 BULLETIN NO.2

[1](#)1. POST WISHES TO NOMINATE MAJOR GENERAL NISSANKA WIJESINGHE,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE SRI LANKA ARMY FOR PARTICIPATION IN SEAS  
2006 PROGRAM.

[1](#)2. NOMINEES BIO DATA FOLLOWS:

[1](#)A. NAME IN FULL: NISSANKA ?WIJESINGHE?

[1](#)B. SEX: MALE.

[1](#)C. DOB: MARCH 1, 1954, POB: KALUTHARA, SRI LANKA.

[1](#)D. NATIONALITY: SRI LANKAN.

[1](#)E. NOMINATION FORWARDED TO: USPACOM PUBLIC  
DIPLOMACY ADVISOR- KAREN KELLEY/PROGRAM  
ASSISTANT-CANDICE MATSUNAGA.

[1](#)F. RANK/SERVICE AND POSITION TITLE: MAJOR GENERAL;  
ADJUTANT GENERAL, ARMY HEADQUARTERS, SRI LANKA  
ARMY, DECEMBER 2005- TO DATE

[1](#)G. RESPONSIBILITIES IN CURRENT POSITION:  
AS THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE SRI LANKA ARMY,  
MAJOR GENERAL WIJESINGHE IS RESPONSIBLE IN THE  
CONTROL AND IMPLEMENTING OF ALL ADMINISTRATIVE  
MATTERS INCLUDING CIVIL ADMINISTRATION, WELFARE,  
REHABILITATION, HUMANITARIAN LAW AND RECRUITMENT  
OF STAFF TO THE SRI LANKA ARMY.

[1](#)H. PREVIOUS RELATED POSITIONS:  
QUARTER MASTER GENERAL ? ARMY HEADQUARTERS, AUGUST  
?NOVEMBER 2005; GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING ? 21  
DIVISION, DECEMBER 2004-JULY 2005 AND JANUARY-  
JULY, 2003; GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING ? 56  
DIVISION, AUGUST-DECEMBER 2003; GENERAL OFFICER  
COMMANDING ? 52 DIVISION, JUNE-SEPTEMBER, 2002;  
DEPUTY GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 53 DIVISION,  
JANUARY 2001-MAY 2002; DIRECTOR, DIRECTORATE OF  
OPERATION, ARMY HEADQUARTERS, JANUARY 1999-  
DECEMBER 2000; BRIGADE COMMANDER - ARTY BRIGADE  
VAVUNIYA, OCTOBER 1997-DECEMBER 1998; BRIGADE  
COMMANDER ? 231 BRIGADE WELIKANDA, JANUARY-  
SEPTEMBER 1997; BRIGADE COMMANDER -9 BRIGADE  
VASAVILAN, FEBRUARY-DECEMBER 1992; COLONEL GENERAL  
STAFF ? 51 DIVISION JAFFNA, AUGUST 1995-FEBRUARY  
1996; COMMANDING OFFICER -4TH REGIMENT SRI LANKA  
ARTILLERY, APRIL 1994-AUGUST 1995; COMMANDANT ?  
SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY, OCTOBER 1992-MARCH 1994;  
STAFF OFFICER GRADE 1 ? GENERAL BRANCH AT SECURITY  
HEADQUARTERS JAFFNA, SEPTEMBER 1991-SEPTEMBER 1992

[1](#)I. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:  
YOUNG OFFICERS COURSE, SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY, INDIA,  
FEBRUARY-JULY, 1979;  
ADVANCE GUNNERY COURSE, SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY,  
INDIA, MAY-JULY 1982;  
FIELD OFFICER GUNNERY COURSE, SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY,  
PAKISTAN, MAY-AUGUST 1987;

LONG GUNNERY STAFF COURSE, SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY,  
INDIA, JULY 1989-SEPTEMBER 1990;  
ARTILLERY ADVANCE COURSE, FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA,  
USA, MARCH-SEPTEMBER 1991;  
SENIOR COMMANDER ARTILLERY, SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY,  
INDIA, FEBRUARY-APRIL 1992;  
EXECUTIVE COURSE, ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY  
STUDIES (APCSS), HAWAII, SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2002;  
NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE COURSE, KENYA, JANUARY-  
NOVEMBER, 2004

[1](#)J. PUBLICATIONS: NONE

[1](#)K. SIGNIFICANT MEMBERSHIPS: NONE

[1](#)L. PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO U.S.:  
1991 ? SIX MONTHS ? FOLLOWED ARTILLERY ADVANCE

COURSE ? FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA  
1997 ? ONE WEEK ? CALIFORNIA ? TEAM MEMBER, ANTPQ  
36 RADAR INSPECTION TEAM  
2000 ? TWO WEEKS ? CALIFORNIA - TEAM MEMBER, ANTPQ  
36 RADAR INSPECTION TEAM

**M. LANGUAGES: NATIVE LANGUAGE: SINHALA**  
- ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: VERY GOOD

**N. POST OBJECTIVES FOR NOMINATING:**  
A SENIOR ARMY OFFICER, WITH 32 YEARS OF SERVICE,  
MAJOR GENERAL NISSANKA WIJESINGHE HAS SERVED  
ALMOST ALL BRANCHES UNDER THE SRI LANKA ARMY. HIS  
DEDICATION TO DUTY HAS BEEN REWARDED BY RAPID  
PROMOTIONS TO MAJOR GENERAL AND THE ADJUTANT  
GENERAL OF THE SRI LANKA ARMY HEADQUARTERS.  
POST BELIEVES THE KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED THROUGH THE  
SEAS PROGRAM WILL BE DIRECTLY APPLICABLE IN HIS  
DUTIES AND ALSO HELP THE U.S./SRI LANKA JOINT  
MILITARY COOPERATION PROGRAMS.

**O. JUSTIFICATION FOR NOMINATION:**  
MAJOR GENERAL WIJESINGHE IS AN IMPORTANT PLAYER IN  
THE SRI LANKAN MILITARY STRUCTURE, REPORTING AND  
ADVISING THE COMMANDER ON ALL AREAS THAT COMES  
UNDER HIS JURISDICTION. PROVIDING A SENIOR SRI  
LANKAN MILITARY OFFICER WITH DIRECT EXPOSURE TO  
U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS AND DEFENSE POSTURE IN  
THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION WOULD DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE  
MPP GOAL OF IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF U.S.  
POLICIES AND THEIR UNDERLYING CONTEXT.

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GEMZAAL@STATE.GOV

**Q. MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED**

**R. MAILING ADDRESS:**  
OFFICE ADDRESS: ADJUTANT GENERAL'S BRANCH, ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA. TEL: (94-11)  
243-4802

HOME ADDRESS: 44 ARMY HOUSING SCHEME, THUMBOWILA  
BOKUNDARA, PILIYANDALA, SRI LANKA. TEL: (94-11)  
260-4311

**S. MEDICAL, PHYSICAL, DIETARY OR OTHER PERSONAL  
CONSIDERATIONS: NONE**

**3. PLEASE ADVISE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS NOMINATION.**  
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